

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to import special machines to assess the physical conditions of the bridges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these machines are likely to be imported and made operational ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): The physical condition of railway bridges is assessed through inspections as per laid down schedule in Codes and Manuals. Some Non-destructive testing equipment are being procured for use in mobile bridge testing laboratories through open tender system and some of these equipments may get imported. The mobile bridge testing laboratories are planned to be made operational in 2006-07.